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SUBJECT: SEPTEMBER 16 EA PRESS SUMMARY

1. CHINA

LI HSIEN-NIEN SAYS NOW UP TO US TO MAKE 1ST MOVE TOWARD
ESTABLISHING NORMAL RELS. RESTATED PRC'S DEMANDS US MUST
BREAK DIPL /MIL RELS W/ROC. LI MADE REMARKS TO WSTAR'S
ALLBRITTON/ROWAN/5 OTHER NEWSPEOPLE IN 1 2/3 HOUR MTG
9/14 IN PEKING'S GREAT HALL. LI TALKED AT LENGTH ABOUT
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PRC DEBT TO SOVIETS INCURRED IN 50S. SAID 70 PCT DEBT
WAS FOR WEAPONRY--A STATISTIC NEVER REVEALED BEFORE.
BUT W/AID CAME SOVIET ATTEMPTS CONTROL PRC. PRC THEN
DETERMINED REPAY DEBT; FINISHED DOING SO IN 1965, AHEAD
OF SCHEDULE. LI ALSO WARNED US MUST GUARD SELF AGAINST
SOVIETS. DESCRIBED US AS FOLLOWING SAME ROAD OF APPEASE-
MENT TOWARD SOVIETS THAT CHAMBERLAIN FOLLOWED W/GERMANY-

WHEN QUESTIONED ON HIS OPINION US APPEASING USSR, LI CITED REPORTS OF PRM-10. IN GENERAL, SEEMED WELL INFORMED ON US/WORLD AFFAIRS. LI COMPARED PRC DESIRE TO GAIN CONTROL ROC W/US ATTITUDE IF LONG ISLAND WERE TO BE SEPARATED FROM US.

BRADSHER (WSTAR, 9/15) REPORTS PRC SUGGESTED TO INDIA THAT THEY TRY AGAIN SOLVE BORDER DISPUTE IN HIMALAYAS THAT HAS BEEN DORMANT SINCE 2 FOUGHT LIMITED WAR IN '62. OPINES HIGH-LEVEL ATTENTION GIVEN THIS ISSUE INDICATED BY LI HSIEN-NIEN'S DISCUSSIONS 9/14 W/WSTAR GROUP. LI TALKED ABOUT DISPUTED BORDERS IN DETAIL NOT HEARD PUBLICLY IN CHINA FOR MANY YEARS. OBSERVERS BELIEVE HE WOULD NOT HAVE HAD SUCH SPECIFICS AT FINGERTIPS IF HE HAD NOT RECENTLY BECOME RE-INVOLVED IN ISSUE.

TWO GANG OF 4 SUPPORTERS REPORTED TO FORM MILITIA; ATTEMPT TO THROW KIANGSI PROVINCE INTO CHAOS, NANCHANG RADIO REPORTS. TWO IDENTIFIED AS PROVINCIAL LEADERS WHO WERE PUBLICLY CONDEMNED AT 9/6 RALLY (REUTER, HK).

PRC OFFICIALS TOLD VISITING AP DELEGATION "TIME IS NOT RIGHT" FOR AP OPEN PEKING BUREAU. PRC DID NOT SPECIFY WHETHER OPENING WOULD HAVE TO AWAIT ESTABLISHMENT FULL US-PRC DIPL RELS (AP CHITRIB, HK).

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HK EXPECTED EXPERIENCE 8 PCT GROWTH RATE THIS YR IN CONTRAST LAST YR'S 17.8 PCT RATE (REUTER, HK).

2. CHINA/BURMA

BURMA'S PRES NE WIN ARRIVED PEKING 9/16 FOR UNOFFICIAL VISIT ON HIS WAY TO NK; EXPECTED STAY IN PEKING SEVERAL DAYS (REUTER, PEKING).

3. BURMA

SENATE CONFIRMS MAURICE BEAN AS AMB TO BURMA (AP NYT, WP).

4. JAPAN

JAPAN ANNOUNCES PRELIM 465-MIL-DOL TRADE SURPLUS FOR AUGUST, DOWN MORE THAN 1 BIL DOLS FROM JULY FIGURE. INFORMED SOURCES ATTRIBUTE DECLINE TO SEASONAL FACTORS, RATHER THAN TO ANY GOJ ACTION (REUTER TOKYO).

SHAFFER (WSJ) DOES ITEM ON JAPANESE COMPUTER CHALLENGE TO US-MADE MACHINES. REPORTS JAPANESE ELECTRONIC FIRMS

PUSHING INTO MKT, THO SOME ANALYSTS SAY US LEAD IN INDUSTRY TOO GREAT FOR JAPANESE TO CATCH UP. OTHERS CLAIM W/IN FEW YRS, JAPANESE WILL ERODE PROFITS US' LARGEST COMPUTING/ELECTRONIC FIRMS, THREATEN SURVIVAL SMALLER COS AS WELL.

5. JAPAN/CHINA

TOP-RANKING JAPANESE BUSINESS LEADERS SCHEDULED MEET

9/19 TO ESTABLISH NEW CMTE WHICH WILL ATTEMPT NEGOTIATE NEW LONG-TERM BILAT TRADE ARRANGEMENT W/PRC. EXPECTED CMTE MEMBERS WILL OFFER INCREASE JAPAN'S IMPORTS CHINESE CRUDE OIL/COAL/OTHER INDUSTRIAL FUELS, RAW MATERIALS.
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IN RETURN, CHINESE WILL BE ASKED IMPORT FROM JAPAN LARGER VOLUMES STEEL/CONSTRUCTION MACHINERY/PETROCHEM PLANTS (CULLISON, JOC).

6. THAILAND

THAI BOARD OF TRADE PRES SAYS COUNTRY MUST REDUCE MAIZE EXPORT COMMITMENT BY 50 PCT DUE DECREASED PRODUCTION CAUSED BY DROUGHT. ANNUAL PRODUCTION 2.5 MIL TONS REDUCED TO 1.9 MILLION (JOC).

7. KOREA

HOUSE ETHICS CMTE CHRMN FLYNT SAYS NEGOTS UNDERWAY TO SEND JAWORSKI TO SK FOR TONGSUN PARK'S TESTIMONY ABOUT ALLEGED INFLUENCE-BUYING IN CONGRESS. SAID JAWORSKI'S DECISION WILL DEPEND ON CONDITIONS ROKG SETS. RELIABLE SOURCE ADDS NEGOTS ALSO INVOLVE CONTINUING EFFORTS RETURN PARK TO US (AP, WP; HALLORAN, NYT).

WM HUNDLEY, TONGSUN PARK'S DC ATTY, SAYS HE WANTS TO "BREAK THE IMPASSE" BETW PARK/DOJ. HUNDLEY PLANS FLY SK 9/17 TO CONFER W/PARK; SAYS WILL NOT URGE HIM RETURN US, BUT WILL SUGGEST MEETING W/FEDRL INVESTIGATORS ON "NEUTRAL GROUND"--NOT SK OR US (SARRO, WSTAR 9/15).

DOD NOTIFIED CONGRESS OF INTENT SELL SK 341 AIR-TO-AIR MISSILES FOR 56.9 MIL DOLS. SALE WILL BE COMPLETED UNLESS CONGRESS VOTES W/IN 30 DAYS TO BLOCK TRANSACTION (WSJ).

MOON CHURCH HAS PURCHASED WASHINGTON MORMON CHAPEL FOR ABOUT 500,000 DOLS (BERGER, WSTAR 9/15; WP).
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8. PHILIPPINES

TWO FIL NURSES, CONVICTED OF POISONING PATIENTS AT MICH V. A. HOSPITAL, ORDERED INTO FEDRL PRISON TO UNDERGO PSYCH TESTS PENDING SENTENCING (REUTER DETROIT 9/15; NYT, W/FOTO).

FIVE KILLED IN LANDSLIDES AS TYPHOON DINAH SWEEPED THROUGH PHILS 9/16 (REUTER MANILA).

GOP TO BUY MANILA ELECTRIC'S 5 LARGEST GENERATING PLANTS FOR 148.6 MIL DOLS. PURCHASE MARKS ANOTHER STEP IN GOVT'S PROGRAM TAKE CONTROL COUNTRY'S ENERGY-PRODUCING FACILITIES, LEAVING ENERGY DISTRIBUTION IN PVT HANDS (WSJ).

9. MALAYSIA

FOURTEEN-YR-OLD BOY, CONDEMNED TO DEATH UNDER MALAYSIA'S ANTI-TERRORIST LAWS, HAS BEEN MOVED FROM EXECUTION CELL FOLLOWING NATIONWIDE CAMPAIGN FOR REPRIEVE. APPEAL PENDING W/PM ONN (REUTER PENANG 9/15).

10. AUSTRALIA

AUSTRALIAN LABOR MOVEMENT VOTES OVERWHELMINGLY TO DEMAND NATL REFERENDUM ON FUTURE AUSTRALIAN URANIUM, DESPITE FRASER'S PREVIOUS INDICATION THAT HE WOULD NOT CALL VOTE. UNIONS THREATEN WORK BOYCOTT ON URANIUM MINING/DEVELOPMENT IF GOA DOESN'T AGREE W/IN 2 MOS TO REFERENDUM. PM HAS NOT YET COMMENTED (COSTIGAN, WP CANBERRA).

11. PAPUA NEW GUINEA

FROM PORT MORESBY, SUN'S SEIDEN DOES ITEM ON PNG'S
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CELEBRATION 2ND ANNIV ITS INDEPENDENCE. NOTES IDEA OF POL AUTONOMY SO NEW, LOCAL PIDGIN DIALECT HAS YET TO FIND SINGLE WORD TO DESCRIBE IT. REMARKS PNG DOING GOOD JOB RULING SELVES, CONTRADICTING THOSE OBSERVERS 2 YRS AGO WHO PREDICTED OTHERWISE. WHILE ECON STILL LARGELY DEPENDENT UPON AUSTRALIA, GOVT HAS BEGUN ATTRACT GROWING NUMBER FOR INVESTORS INTERESTED IN DE-

VELOPING ISLAND'S LUMBER/FISHING/COPPER INDUSTRIES,
EXPLORING FOR OFFSHORE OIL.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

12. KOREA

ANDERSON/WHITTEN (WP, NYDN) CHARGE DEM LEADERSHIP
TAMPERING W/TONGSUN PARK INVESTIGATION. NOTE 1) PARK
INDICTMENT ANNOUNCED JUST AS PARK ABOUT TO LEAVE LONDON
FOR SEOUL. OPINES IF DOJ WANTED PARK TESTIFY, COULD HAVE
INDICTED EARLIER, AND THUS EXTRADITED HIM FROM UK.
2) OPINE DEM LEADERSHIP ATTEMPTING CONFINED HOUSE INVESTIGA-
TION TO FEW "EXPENDABLE FORMER MEMBERS," THUS SATISFYING
PUBLIC OPINION W/O DAMAGING CONGRESS. 3) DEMS ALSO
SEARCHING FOR REPUBLICANS WHO MAY HAVE ACCEPTED KOREAN
GIFTS IN ORDER PREVENT ISSUE FROM BECOMING PARTISAN.
MEANWHILE DOJ SOURCES CONFIRM CASE AGAINST PARK WEAK BUT
POL PRESSURE SUCH THAT DOJ WENT AHEAD W/INDICTMENT. ALSO
PARK'S ATTORNEY HUNDLEY TO HAVE KEPT DOJ CONSTANTLY
INFORMED ABOUT PARK'S WHEREABOUTS.

WP HERBLOCK CARTOON DEPICTS CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATOR
BEING WELCOMED TO KOREA TO QUESTION TONGSUN PARK. PARK
IS SEATED IN CENTER OF SPIDER WEB ALONG SIDE EMPTY CHAIR
LABELLED "PARK CHUNG HEE GOVT." CAPTION READS, "COME
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IN; COME IN AND ASK HIM ANYTHING YOU WANT."

13. INDONESIA

CSM RUNS BRIEF INTERVIEW W/PRES SUHARTO CONDUCTED BY
GENE/TERRY BRADLEY (CO-FOUNDERS INTL MANAGEMENT/DEVELOP
INSTITUTE) ON PROSPECTS FOR FON INVESTMENT IN INDONESIA.
SUHARTO SAYS COUNTRY WELCOMES FON INVESTMENT, PARTICULARLY
IN SECTORS PRODUCING RAW MATERIALS FROM NATURAL RESOURCES;
SECTORS MFG FINISHED GOODS/EXPORT GOODS; SECTORS REQUIRING
MORE CAPITAL/HIGHER TECHNICAL SKILLS THAN DOMESTIC
RESOURCES CAN PROVIDE.

14. ASEAN

SUN BELIEVES GROWTH OF ASEAN POSITION AS REGIONAL
BARGAINING/TRADING ORG LAUDABLE; IN US INTEREST.
SAYS ASEAN HAS POTENTIAL TO DEVELOP INTO MODEL REGIONAL
ORG, PROMOTING SECURITY/STABILITY/DEMOCRACY IN SEA.
SEES COOPER/FUKUDA VISITS VALUABLE IN RAISING ASEAN'S
RECOGNITION FACTOR. VANCE

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